

PLAIN TOWNSHIP NEWS



Winter 2014

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An Invitation From Your Trustees,

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for Plain Township's *Sixth Annual Winter Fest* event at Diamond Community Park on Saturday, December 6th, from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Plain Township is excited to continue this growing community tradition which offers fun for families and attendees of all ages. The Park's 42 acres will be aglow in the luminosity of new lighting displays. Residents will gather warmly by small bonfires and sip hot chocolate from our concession area, while enjoying festive holiday music. The gathered crowd will be dazzled by amazing ice carvings created on site by Elegant Ice Creations, wood carvings by Lumber Jack Chainsaw Artists, and the Big Man in Red, Santa Claus, will make an appearance to personally hear children's gift requests. Crafts will be created by our children, stories will be told, memories of past holidays will be evoked and most importantly, new memories will be made. The capstone of this special evening will be the ceremonial township tree lighting.

Partnering with Plain Township to present this community celebration will be the dedicated folks from Plain Local Schools Fine Arts Department including Oakwood Middle School Select Choir, Middlebranch Elementary's 2nd Grade Choir, GlenOak High School's Strings Ensemble and Plain Local's Dance Performers. Be intrigued by visual displays from Plain Local's Visual Arts Department with both GlenOak High School and Oakwood Middle School students and our good friends from the Plain Township Historical Society. All musical, dance, art performances and displays will be performed in the indoor complex while the ice carver, wood carver and Santa will again be outside on the grounds. Plain Township will offer donation drop off areas onsite for "Coats For Kids", "USO Expanded Family Room" and "Fill a Fire Truck" for the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank as well.

Stop by and immerse yourself in the holiday spirit and join us for a wonderfully seasonal celebration of community, camaraderie and festive fun for the whole family at Plain Township's Sixth Annual Winter Fest at Diamond Community Park.

It is an honor to represent Plain Township as we endeavor to serve as responsible stewards of our community. It is our privilege to offer unique opportunities for our residents to come together and celebrate the spirit of the season and the pride we take in our township and its people.



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Visit us at www.plaintownship.com today!

Detective's Report

Crime Reports & Security Tips

Each year the FBI creates a yearly report under their Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. This is a public report that can be accessed through their website and the following link:

<http://www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/ucr/crime-in-the-u.s>

The most recent completed UCR report (2012) states that there were 2,103,787 burglaries reported nationwide, with an estimated property loss of \$4.7 billion. Overall the average dollar loss per burglary offense was \$2,230.00. Ohio alone accounted for 103,421 of the reported burglaries. The majority of burglaries happen during the daytime hours. Here are some tips to help keep you and your property safe:

- * Lock all doors and windows
- * Keep valuables hidden or in a safe that is bolted in place
- * If leaving for prolonged periods of time keep a light or two in the main living areas on
- * If you are going on vacation, please don't hesitate to contact the Sheriff's Office at (330) 430-3800 ext. 0 and request your residence be placed on a vacation watch
- * If you notice a suspicious vehicle/person in your neighborhood, REPORT IT, a deputy can come out and investigate further
- * Note all of the serial numbers to your electronic devices, or photograph them. The serial numbers can be entered into a national database as stolen and be beneficial to the recovery of the entered stolen items
- * Photograph all jewelry, most pawn and "cash for gold" shops use very generic descriptors



Administration's

Corner

Plain Township Partners



with USO to Support Military Families

Plain Township, in conjunction with the local USO offices, is kicking off a collection drive to help local military families with basic necessities through the "Expanded Family Room" program. The USO (www.uso.org), a nonprofit, congressionally chartered, private organization relies on the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to support its activities. The local Massillon USO branch serves twenty-nine counties.

Plain Township Trustees were recently made aware of the need for simple, basic items as many local military families struggle just to make ends meet. The Trustees are working to secure nonperishable food and health and hygiene donations to help support the families of those who have loved ones serving and are in need of extra help.

Items needed include non-perishable food, grocery store gift cards, gasoline cards, thermal blankets, toilet paper, tooth paste, tooth brushes, mouthwash, soap, shampoo, cotton swabs, cotton balls, deodorant, bathroom cleansers, detergent and infant items including diapers, hooded bath towels and baby wipes. The collection will run November 3 through December 5, 2014.

Donations may be dropped off at Plain Township Hall—Administration offices, located at 2600 Easton St. NE, Canton, Ohio 44721.

Food Drive



Local 2967



AKRON-CANTON REGIONAL
FOOD BANK

HELP us fight HUNGER in our community and fill up this Fire Truck with Non-perishable Food. The impact of your donation is felt in homes of the hungry throughout our community this holiday season!

Needed items include: Boxed cereal, canned meats, peanut butter, canned fruit, dried pasta, paper products, cleaning supplies, canned soup and personal care items.

November 1 through December 16, 2014
Drop-off Monday-Friday : 8:00am-4:30pm
Plain Township Hall
2600 Easton St NE, Canton, OH 44721





Holiday Fire Safety

TREES — When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the “Fire Resistant” label. When purchasing a live tree, check for freshness—make sure needles are soft and don’t fall off. Live trees need water and LOTS of it! Cut about one inch off of the bottom of the trunk before putting the tree in the stand. Add water daily. Dry trees can burn in SECONDS! Never block an exit with your tree. Keep children and pets in mind when placing decorations on your tree. Remove live trees from your home as soon as possible. Never attempt to move a burning tree.

LIGHTS — Check each set for damaged sockets or wires. Discard bad sets. Use only UL approved light sets. Follow manufacturer instructions concerning the maximum number of light sets that can be connected together. Turn off all lights when you go to bed or leave the house. For outside lights, use only lights and extension cords marked “for outdoor use”.

DECORATIONS — Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim your tree and house.

CANDLES — Use candles only in approved containers and never near trees, evergreen trimmings, or combustibles. Never burn candles unattended.

FIREPLACES — Never place decorations around fireplaces and do not use combustible decorations on the mantle. Do not burn wrapping paper in a fireplace. Do not dispose of your tree in the fireplace.

GIFTS — Consider giving a gift that shows you care about someone. Smoke alarms, CO detectors and fire extinguishers make great gifts!



House Numbers Available

Being able to find your residence or business is critical to aiding safety professionals in responding to an emergency. Residents can obtain signs with a blue metal background and large reflective numbers to aid in locating addresses. To order, send the order form and a \$15 check to:

Plain Township Paramedics,

3625 Middlebranch Avenue NE, Canton, OH 44705

Call (330) 492-4089 with questions.

**Proceeds benefit the
Plain Township Fire/
Medics Association**

Fire Prevention Essay Winner!



Trustee Leno, Inspector Slabaugh, Cara Williams, Mrs. Nickerson, Chief Snyder

Cara Williams, a 9 year old fourth grader at Middlebranch Elementary School wrote an exemplary essay on the topic “Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives”. Cara was selected as the fourth grade essay winner from among all Stark County Fourth Graders at the 49th Annual Fire Prevention Week Kickoff Breakfast held October 7, 2014 at Skyland Pines.

Cara articulately expressed the critical importance of maintaining working smoke alarms, the importance of changing their batteries, using interconnected alarms, strategic placement of alarms and alarms for people with disabilities.

Cara’s facts, knowledge and understanding of the impact working smoke alarms have on the safety of our citizens, and saving lives in our community is a shining example for all our residents. The Board of Trustees of Plain Township go on public record congratulating Cara Williams on her outstanding accomplishment and urge all members of our community to join in recognition of this significant occasion and the achievements above mentioned.

House Numbering Order Form

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Zip: _____

Number on sign: _____

Direction of numbers on sign:

Horizontal _____ or Vertical _____

To the Plain Township Voters: **Thank You!**

The Plain Township Board of Trustees, The Highway Superintendent and the entire Road Department would like to thank our residents for their support of the additional road levy. The passage of this levy keeps us focused on our ability to offer superior services to our residents. We can now also increase our road miles to be paved, replace outdated equipment and help alleviate ongoing drainage issues.

We understand in today's economic climate that finances dictate the level of services taxpayers expect and are confident that the leadership and all personnel within the Road Department are dedicated and committed to that task.

Parking Ban - Helps Everyone



Please remember that "No Parking" is allowed on the paved surface of posted streets when there is more than two inches of snow on the ground. Several Plain Township roadways will be posted this year with "No Parking" signs. The ban will be strongly enforced! We also request that residents on non-posted streets be courteous in moving their cars so that plowing can be done in a timely manner. Thank you.

Winter Reminders



Please note the following Winter Reminders:

Please do not put trash cans in the roadway. Stay at least 50 feet back from salt trucks to avoid damaging your vehicle by salt spreaders. If you are too close, your vehicle may not be visible to the driver through the mirrors. We apologize for snow blocking driveways and cul-de-sacs; however, at times this is unavoidable.

If snow plows knock down your mailbox, please call us. After the snow fall has ended, repairs of mailboxes will be evaluated in the order they are received. Repairs will be done as time allows.

Main roads throughout the Township are salted and plowed first, then the secondary roads. Trucks are assigned to specific areas and no area has priority over any other. If your yard or driveway apron is damaged from snowplows, please call us and your name will be placed on a list for repairs in the spring.

Many roads within Plain Township are maintained by other public entities. This can cause some confusion for Township residents as to who maintains the road. Listed below are the roads that seem to cause the most confusion and telephone numbers of the public entities responsible for their maintenance.

Road	Contact	Telephone
44th St NE (Plain Center to Market Ave)	City of Canton	330-489-3030
44th St NW (Market to Cleveland)	City of Canton	330-489-3030
44th St NW (Cleveland to Harrison St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
55th St NE (Harmont Ave to Middlebranch)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
55th St NE (Middlebranch to Lindford)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
55th St NE (Lindford to Market)	City of Canton	330-489-3030
Applegrove St (Market St to N Canton City Lts)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Applegrove St (Middlebranch to Market Ave)	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Bentler Ave NE (Columbus Rd to Easton St)	Nimishillen Township	330- 875-3511
Bentler Ave NE (Easton St to Diamond St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Columbus Rd	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Bentler Rd)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Diamond St (Middlebranch to Market St)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Easton St	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Harmont Ave	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Martindale Rd	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Middlebranch Ave	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781
Market St (SR 43) (Canton City Limit to Mt. Pleasant St)	Ohio Dept. of Trans.	330-452-0365
Mt. Pleasant St NE (Market St to Middlebranch Ave)	Plain Township	330-492-3423
Mt. Pleasant St NW (Market to Pittsburg)	Lake Township	330-877-9479
Warner Church Rd	Stark County Engineer	330-477-6781

Businesses in Plain Township

Attention!

A Certificate of Conformance Permit is required for EVERY business in Plain Township. A permit costs \$40 and is valid for the life of the business, as long as the business use, owner or tenant does not change.

A new permit is required for any change in:

- ⇒ **Business Use**
- ⇒ **Change of Ownership**
- ⇒ **Change of Tenant**

If you are a business in Plain Township, please check to make sure you have a current Certificate of Conformance.

Sign Permits

Temporary signs such as a banner or portable sign require a permit from the Zoning Department and is valid for 30 days. You may have a temporary sign for four (4) months within a calendar year. Please apply for and obtain your Temporary Sign Permit **before** placing a sign on your property.

All permanent signs require permits. Please check with the Zoning Department for size regulations at (330)492-4686.

Coat Drive



Plain Township will have a Coat Drop-off set up in our lobby at Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton, Ohio 44721 from November 4 through December 2, 2014, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Your donations will help local children, nursing home residents, mentally and physically handicapped children and adults in our community. Please take a moment to help by cleaning out your coat closet and Spread the Warmth!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Board Positions



Last Call - The Plain Township Trustees are accepting letters of intent from persons interested in filling expiring terms for the Board of Zoning Appeals and Zoning Commission. Interested persons must be legal residents of Plain Township. Letters of intent should be accompanied by a resume and may be mailed to the Zoning Department, Attn: Zoning Director, 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44721 or dropped off in person between the hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. Letters of intent will be accepted until **Monday, December 1, 2014.**


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Paver Program

Plain Township is excited to introduce its new "Paver Program"! This effort is a means to create an opportunity to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, retirements, memorials, special people and/or pets, as well as advertise your local business.

Sales for pavers will kick off at Plain Township's sixth annual "Winter Fest" on Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Diamond Community Park. To purchase a paver, fill out the order form and mail or drop off with cash or check made out to "Plain Township Trustees" to the Plain Township Hall located at 2600 Easton Street NE, Canton, 44721.

Sales will run through April 6, 2015 until 4:30 pm. The unveiling of the paver placement will take place during the "Stark County Safe Kids Day" event at Schneider Community Park on Thursday May 7, 2015, located at 1714 Schneider Street NE, Canton, OH 44721 next to Plain Township's Central Fire Station. Purchase a paver today and support your Plain Township Parks!



☐ **4" x 8"**
Engraved Paver

or

☐ **8" x 8"**
Engraved Paver



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Please mail or drop-off this form to Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St. NE, 44721

Cash or checks payable to Plain Township Trustees. Call (330) 492-4689 for more information.

4" x 8" Engraved Brick Order Form \$50

Please print clearly below—One letter per box.

8" x 8" Large Engraved Brick Order Form \$100

Please print clearly below—one letter per box.

Symbols are an additional \$25 each.

Check desired

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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*Corporate logo bricks with camera ready artwork: \$300, Call for details.

Indoor Soccer II at Diamond Sports Complex

Get into the game with Plain Township Parks Department's Indoor Soccer with Session Two beginning February 5, 2015! Divisions include Youth, High School Boys/Coed, High School Girls, Coed Adult and Men's Open. Teams are accepted on a first come first serve basis. Registration is \$600/team for a guaranteed ten games. Register with a \$200 deposit by January 9, 2015 and receive a \$25 discount per team! Pay the FULL registration fee by January 30, 2015 and receive a \$25 discount per team! Mail or drop off Registration form and cash/check fee to: Plain Township Parks, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton, Ohio 44721. Visit www.plaintownship.com or call us at 330-492-4689 for more information.

Youth Recreational Indoor Soccer Session II

Recreational Indoor Soccer will begin on January 31, 2015. All kids in Kindergarten through Sixth grades are welcome to participate in this active sport at Diamond Indoor Sports Complex! Players receive a team t-shirt, 9 weeks of soccer (2 practices and 7 games, all on Saturdays) and an end of session team party!! Parents and guardians who would like to be a volunteer coach will receive one child's registration at a discount! Sibling discounts also available. Registration forms can be found online or come to the Diamond Indoor Complex office January 3, 10 & 17, 2015, 9 am - 3 pm to register in person! Please mail or drop off Registration form and cash/check fee to: Plain Township Parks, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton, Ohio 44721. Call us at 330-492-4689 for more information. Deadline is January 17, 2015.

Messy Hands! Ages 2-5

The Plain Township Parks Department invites you and your little one to get creative with us at the Diamond Community Room! Everyday craft items used in CREATIVE ways! All things GOOEY and much more! - Paint! Stamping! Imagination! Dress children in old clothes; we promise to get **MESSY!**

When: Mondays, Session three; December 8 - January 26, from 10 am to 11 am

Mondays, Session four; February 2 - March 9, from 10 am to 11 am

Where: Diamond Community Room, 2782 Diamond Street NE, Canton, Ohio 44721

Fee: \$35/child/session. Call (330) 492-4689 for information or email info@plaintownship.com.



Plain Township Historical Society

The Plain Township Historical Society meetings are held at 7:00 pm in Plain Township Hall, 2600 Easton St NE, Canton, OH 44721. Meeting topics for the first half of 2015:

January 19 - "The Birth of the NFL" by Dr. James King, grandson of Ralph E. Hay, NFL founder

February 16 - "The History of Chocolate" by Diana Kindler

March 9 - Annual dinner at Skyland Pines celebrating 10 years! Entertainment by "New Vision"

April 20 - "Lincoln's Funeral Train" by Elenor Schoger

May 18 - "Woodland Indians of Ohio and Plain Township" by John Burke

June 15 - "Congress Lake" by Mary Ann Beck

Please visit www.plaintownship.com, Services/Information, for more information.



Senior Programs

The Plain Township Parks Department, in cooperation with Parkway AARP Chapter 5190, presents a series of seminars to bring together local senior citizens. On the fourth Thursday of each month, seniors can meet for lunch and listen to a guest speaker or enjoy entertainment at the lovely Chateau Michele, 2231 44th Street NW, Canton. Seminars are only \$11 and all senior citizens are welcome. Reservations must be made prior to attending. All guests and visitors are welcome to attend two seminars before it is required by the AARP that you become a member of the national organization. Membership in the local chapter is \$9 per year. For more information, **contact Marge McClelland at (330) 497-0184.**

December 18, 2014 12:00 pm, January 22, 2015 12:00 pm & February 26, 2015 12:00 pm - Lunches are included!

Contact List

Elected Officials

Trustees (330) 492-4689
Fiscal Officer/Finance (330) 493-1366
County Commissioners (330) 451-7371

Fire & Rescue

Fire Administration (330) 492-4089
Emergency Calls **911**

History

Historical Society (330) 494-6187

Parks Department

Parks Programming (330) 492-4689
Park Reservations (330) 492-4689

Email: info@plaintownship.com

Plain Local Sports

Holly Hills Baseball (330) 495-6333

www.hollyhillsbaseball.com

Community Soccer Club

www.communitysoccerclub.com

Plain Local Baseball (330) 280-2501

www.PLBSA.com

Plain Midget Football (330) 966-2475

www.plainlocalfootball.org

Big Dog Lacrosse (330) 685-7199

www.bigdoglacrosse.com

Police

Stark County Sheriff (330) 430-3800

Real Estate Records

Stark County Auditor (330) 451-7334

Recycling

Solid Waste District 1-800-678-9839

Road/Storm Sewer

Stark County Roads (330) 477-6781
Stark County Sewer (330) 451-2303
State of Ohio Roads (330) 452-0365
Plain Township Roads (330) 492-3423

Schools

Canton City (330) 438-2500
North Canton (330) 497-5600
Plain Schools Admin. (330) 492-3500
Plain Bus Garage (330) 492-1918

Septic Systems

Stark Co. Health Dept. (330) 493-9904

Voter Registration

Board of Elections (330) 451-8683

Water Service

Canton City Water (330) 489-3315
North Canton Water (330) 499-4801
Aqua Water 1-877-987-2782

Zoning Permits

Plain Township Zoning (330) 492-4686

PLAIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

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Sheriff:

(330) 430-3800

Zoning:

(330) 492-4686

YARD WASTE

RECYCLING FACILITIES

Unassisted yard waste drop-offs are available at two locations. Leaves, branches, small tree limbs, Christmas trees and other yard waste is accepted and may be loose or in paper bags. *Please, no plastic bags.*

2855 Easton Street NE

- Starting December 1st: Monday, Thursday and Saturday, 8:00 am—6:00 pm.
- CLOSED HOLIDAYS:** November 27th through 30th, December 25th, 31st, 2014 and January 1st, 2015.
- Closed for the winter on January 9, 2015.

Warstler Brothers Landscaping, 4125 Salway Avenue NW

- Open seven days per week, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.
- Closed for the winter on January 9, 2015.

Note: Please be respectful of the times of operation as those are the only hours drop off is permitted.